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Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, from January 22, 2003, to on or before February 24, 2003 (February 22 and 23, being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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